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AND OPIUM STOCKPILING IN THE NWFP

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1. FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION REF (A) TO THE
MOST RECENT CORRESPONDENCE REF (B) TAMERLANE RESOURCES CONTINUED
TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES
K ANAN GUL ET AL AT THE GANDAF LAB
SITE IN THE NWFP. DURING THAT PERIOD IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE
LABORATORY, FUNCTIONING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CLASS I VIOLATORS
DR. MANSOOR AHMED AND SAYED MASUD, HAVE PRODUCED WELL OVER
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250,000 MORPHINE SULFATE TABLETS AS WELL AS 5 KILOGRAMS OF
HEROIN. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT THE DRUGS HAD BEEN
TRANSPORTED TO LAHORE FOR IMMINENT INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION.
ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE THE DISTRIBUTION POINTS AT LAHORE
BUT THIS WAS BEYOND THE GRASP OF TAMERLANE SOURCES.

2. OF COURSE, A CONTINUED INVESTIGATIVE DIALOGUE IS BEING

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MAINTAINED WITH THE PNCB WITH CONSTANT EMPHASIS ON THE ULTIMATE RAIDING OF THE LAB SITE AND THE ARREST OF ALL PARTICIPATES.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE LABORATORY SITUATION, DEA CONTINUED ITS DIRECTING OF TAMERLANE SOURCES TO BETTER IDENTIFY THOSE INVOLVED IN THE STOCKPILING OF OPIUM IN VILLAGE GANDAF. RECENT INFORMATION DISCLOSED THAT THE ILLICIT OPIUM IS FINDING ITS WAY TO LAHORE AND BEING ABSORBED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB THROUGH ITS LICENSING FACILITIES AND SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD THROUGH ITS OPIUM VENDS. THE AMOUNT OF ILLICIT OPIUM THAT IS APPARENTLY INTRODUCED INTO LEGAL CHANNELS (ESTIMATED TO BE CIRCA 75 TONS) OBVIOUSLY PRODUCES A RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF OXJICIALS WHO ARE DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY REAPING THE PROFITS TO ELIMINATE THEIR SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

4. IN FACT IT WAS CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE PUNJAB THAT PRECIPATED THE FALL OF THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE PNCB, ORAKZAI, FOR HIS EFFORTS IN ERADICATING SOME OPIUM CULTIVATION (WITHOUT GOP SANCTION) IN THE EARLY 1970'S AND DISTURBING THE FLOW OF ILLICIT OPIUM TO LEGAL CHANNELS. THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE PNCB, RAOOF ALI, IS OBVIOUSLY MORE SAGE THAN HIS PREDECESSORS IN THAT HE WILL NOT UNDERTAKE ANY OFFICIAL MOVE ENFORCEMENT WISE WITHOUT THE SANCTION OF THE GOP.

5. FINALLY, THIS BRINGS US TO THE PRESENT SITUATION. IT WAS JUST LEARNED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PNCB HAS BEEN GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD
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BY THE GOP TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS FOR THE RAID ON VILLAGE GANDAF. DEA/PAKISTAN IS PRESENTLY COORDINATING ALL OF ITS INFORMATION WITH THE PNCB IN PREPARATION OF THIS ENFORCEMENT EFFORT - WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE ON OR ABOUT JUNE 10, 1978.
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